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REMARKS—General

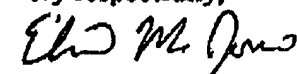
The Office Action stated an objection to the drawings, citing that the spring-biased reel 14 of Claim 4 was not shown. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this objection for the following reasons:

Applicants' drawings show a "self-retracting reel" 14 labeled as such in the Reference Numerals section on Page 4 of the original application. The Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment (also on Page 4) states, "The reel 14 can be made from metal or plastic, and in the preferred embodiment *utilizes a metal spring*" (emphasis supplied).

In addition, the Description of an Alternate Reel Mechanism on Page 8 of the application states, "Instead of a *spring-biased reel* [described above in the preferred embodiment], our page holder can also function using a reel 22 tensioned by means of a rubber band 24, a braided elastic band, or similar material" (emphasis supplied).

For all of the above reasons, applicants submit that the drawings show every feature of the invention (including the spring-biased reel), and respectfully request reconsideration of the objection.

Very respectfully,



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